

Application Serial No. 09/740,051
Reply to Office action of Aug. 24, 2004

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for electronically registering assets, the method comprising:

providing an electronic registration database;

providing an electronic data file comprising data specific to an entity that purchases or owns assets **wherein the electronic data file is in the possession of the entity;**

extracting the data specific to an entity from the electronic data file and entering it into the registration database;

entering data specific to an asset into the registration database; and

associating the data specific to the entity and the data specific to the asset, thereby registering the asset for the entity.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registration is performed during the purchase of the asset.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~electrie~~ **electronic data** file is provided on a media that is loaded onto a purchasing entity's or owner entity's computer.

Application Serial No. 09/740,051
Reply to Office action of Aug. 24, 2004

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~3~~, wherein the data specific to an entity is extracted by an application on a second computer through a computer network, such as the Internet.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file is installed on a media accessible to a third party's computer.
6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the third party is a credit card company.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data file is an electronic file installed on a smart credit card.
8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data file includes data for insuring an asset.
9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein an insurer has access to the electronic registration database and automatically insures an asset when it is registered.
10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the registration database provides a composite record of assets registered by specific entities and allows for the reporting and manipulation of the same.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the entities maintain control over personal, and or entity registration data.
12. (currently amended) A machine-readable media having thereon a data file comprising data specific to an entity that owns or purchases assets; whereby data is

Application Serial No. 09/740,051
Reply to Office action of Aug. 24, 2004

extracted from the data file for use in automatic registration of assets and wherein the machine-readable media is in the possession of the entity.

13. (original) The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine-readable media is loaded onto an asset purchasing or owner entity's computer.

14. (currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein the electronic data file machine-readable media is accessible to ~~loaded onto~~ a third party's computer.

15. (original) The invention of claim 14, wherein the third party is a credit card company.

16. (original) The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine-readable media is a smart credit card.

17. (original) The invention of claim 12, wherein the machine readable media has thereon a data file that further comprises insurance data specific to the entity that purchases or owns assets for the purpose of automatically insuring assets when they are registered.

18. (original) A machine-readable media having thereon a data file comprising data specific to an entity that owns or purchases assets; whereby data is extracted from the data file for use in automatically insuring assets.

19. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said asset specific data is not manually provided by the entity and the entering of said data does not depend on the entity directly providing said asset specific data.

Application Serial No. 09/740,051
Reply to Office action of Aug. 24, 2004

20. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said asset data is obtained at the time of purchase of the asset.

21. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said data specific to an entity is extracted at the time of purchase of the asset.

22. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said data file is located on the entity's computer and at least a subset of said data specific to the entity is entered into the electronic data file by the entity.

23. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the entity is able to directly modify the entity specific data.

24. (new) A method for electronically registering assets, the method comprising:
providing an electronic registration database;
providing an electronic data file comprising data specific to an entity that purchases or owns assets;
extracting the data specific to an entity from the electronic data file;
entering data specific to an asset into the registration database wherein said asset specific data is not manually provided by the entity and the entering of said data does not depend on the entity directly providing said asset specific data; and
associating data specific to the entity and data specific to the asset, thereby registering the asset for the entity